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## Afghan authorities seek new homes for landslide refugees



ARGO -- AFP photo shows the Afghan landslide-affected villagers gathered near tents in this aerial photograph of Aab Bareek village at Argo district of Badakhshan. Afghan officials said yesterday they plan to build new houses for hundreds of families made homeless by a landslide that entombed a northeastern village and killed at least 300 people. Initial reports suggested that as many as 2,500 people may have died in the area, part of the mountainous province of Badakhshan which borders Tajikistan, China and Pakistan. The landslide left around 700 families homeless, with some finding shelter in neighbouring villages and others sleeping in tents provided by humanitarian organisations.

*Should Aruba focus on this?*

## Europe Meets America is not the only option for the Government

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba: Europe Meets America brought many questions and yet the role of Aruba is not defined. "Colombia does not deal on commercial levels with United States and is trying to get to the same standards with the European Kingdom", explained parliament Andin Bikker, leader of political party PDR.

"The idea of building Europe meets America has its potential, but if this is the solution for Aruba remains the question. PDR prefers if the government can try other possibilities and not only on the hub of Europe meets America, that at the end can benefit Aruba" elaborated Mr. Bikker.

"The government should think about other initiatives that can build Aruba's economic pillar. Aruba does not



benefit of the financial center that Curacao is working with multiple benefits" add Mr. Bikker. "Holland is the center of Financial Assistance. This economical dimension was not tried by Aruba. This point was discussed in the tripartite meeting between Curacao and St. Maarten that was held in Aruba.

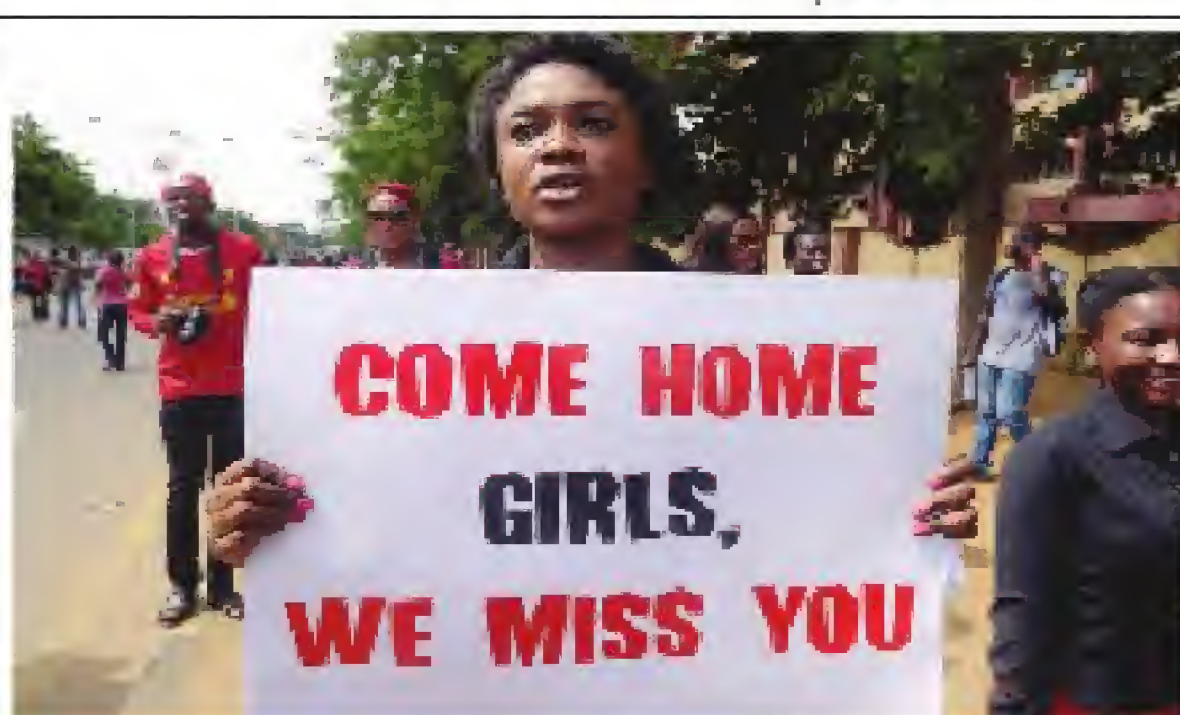
"There is a vessel registration in Holland where they are earning billions and Aruba is earning nothing and doing nothing about it. Europe meets America cannot be the only focus for the government", concluded Mr. Bikker.

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NIGERIA -- A woman carries a placard to press for the release of missing Chibok school girls during a rally by civil society in Lagos yesterday. Boko Haram yesterday claimed the abduction of hundreds of schoolgirls in northern Nigeria that has triggered international outrage, threatening to sell them as "slaves". "I abducted your girls," the Islamist group's leader Abubakar Shekau said in the 57-minute video obtained by AFP, referring to the 276 students kidnapped from their boarding school in Chibok, Borno state, three weeks ago. (AFP PHOTO)

## TODAY'S WEATHER



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# LOCAL NEWS

*Budget is pending since September 2013*  
**Government Payroll has increased with 101% with the help of taxes**



ORANJESTAD -- Member of the Parliament, Andin Bikker, has the concept that the government is losing sight of the private sector which is supporting the government and not vice versa. "The moment that the governments set unapproved taxes for functionary officers payroll it becomes shocking viewing the results of an increased government payroll as well", declared Mr. Bikker.

"The government payroll has increased with 101% which is mainly received by taxes", explained Mr. Bikker. These results were researched by professor Michiel de Vries, which shows that the government is clearly borrowing money to pay general monthly costs.

Until today no budget was given to any of the ministers nor parliaments. Normally, the budget of 2013 would be given in September 2013 but this is not the case. Due to this facts, parliaments are restricted to hold meetings and commit to any

project.

There has to be a balance between private sector and government with a fortification of the private sector to generate more jobs for the community. "The Government has to be sincere with the persons which he promised to give a job during elections", said Mr. Bikker.

"The actual taxes stipulated by the government are very tough for the private sector and as result the traders does not seek for new people to generate more employment. The government does not stimulate employment in private sector. The government cannot see taxes as an instrument to receive income, but see it as an instrument to stimulate development on the island." concluded Mr. Bikker.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Government auxiliary office in Noord closed on May 8

NOORD – The Government Department of Information (BUVO) announces to the general public that the government auxiliary offices in Noord will be closed to the public on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

The closing is due to the fact that ELMAR will be executing construction work in the Palm Beach and Noord area. There will be no electricity from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Clients wishing to pay their bills can go to the other 4 auxiliary offices around the island: Paradera, Santa Cruz, Savaneta or San Nicolas.

BUVO kindly asks everyone to take good notice of this.



*Chronic Diseases are responsible for 60% of mortality worldwide*

## All cancer cases must be registered on Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- In connection to the 59th Caribbean Public Health Agency Conference (CARPHA) on Aruba with the title; "NCD's (non communicable disease such as cancer, diabetes, high pressure, cardiovascular disease and cerebral) through the Life Course", another meeting was held on the 29th and 30th of last month the "Cancer Surveillance Meeting for the Caribbean".

Dr. Damali Martin of National Cancer Institute in USA, Dr. James Hospedades, director of CARPHA of Trinidad and Tobago, dr. David Forman, chief of Cancer Information Section of International Agency for Research on cancer in France, Dr. Camille Ragin, professor at Fox Chase Cancer Center in USA and Dr. Eugene Maduro, representative of Health Department in Aruba held a speech on the aspect on the registration of cancer in this meeting.

Chronic illness are responsible for 60% of mortality in the world. 35 million people died in the year 2005 of chronic diseases, 50% of these people were below the age of 70 years and 50% of them were women. The risk of chronic disease are lifestyle, lack of sports, obesity, use of alcohol, drugs and cigarettes, consume of fast food and the use of salt in food. In comparison to other Caribbean Islands, Aruba has the highest score of alcohol consumption (48%).

Regarding Cancer, 1 of every 5 men and 1 of every

6 women will get cancer before their 75th birthday with 13% of lung cases and 11% of breast cancer. An important tip, as the percentage of lung cancer is decreasing among men we see an increased percentage for the women. This is due to the increases of women smokers.

The islands that does register cancer cases, Bahamas, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica and Curacao, confirmed similar challenges in the registration of this disease. Examples are; lack of IT-support, lack of laws registration, lack of employees and financial support including lack of cooperation to obtain information of all the patients.

All the islands agreed on the push factor of politicians to stimulate this registration. Multi Sector Cooperation is urgently needed among the islands. "What gets measured gets done" explain David Forman. Registration will lead to management, monitor and prevention. "Effort of all the islands is necessary to prevent this illness", elaborated Mervin Wyatt Ras of the Aruban Parliament.

Registration is necessary to monitor all the different cases to manage all the cases accordingly but most important for prevention. A new registration system was already implemented for every general practitioner which is the first step for this new procedure. During a question hour last week, Minister of Health supported the registration project.

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# Signing of power purchase agreement for windpark Urirama



ORANJESTAD -- DESPITE THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED URIAMA WINDPARK, HENK HETTING, CEO OF NUCAPITAL INC., HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE MEDIA THE PROJECT WILL NOW GO AHEAD. THIS CAME TO THE OFFICES OF THE MORNING NEWS YESTERDAY:



## Signing of Power Purchase Agreement for new Windpark Urirama Announced

### New PPA signed and Nuisance Permit Issued

ORANJESTAD, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

On April 29, the government of Aruba issued the nuisance permit (Hinderwetvergunning) to Windpark Urirama NV required for the operation of eight wind turbines at Urirama. The following day, April 30th, Water- en Energiebedrijf Aruba N.V. ("WEB Aruba NV") Aruba NV signed a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") for the purchase and sale of the energy to be produced by the new wind farm.

Windpark Urirama N.V. is a joint venture between NuCapital Inc., Hutting Windenergie BV and Bright Capital Partners, which group of companies are also the sponsors of the Vader Piet wind farm, which is operational from 2009. The new wind farm is expected to be operational by the end of 2015 and, upon completion, approximately 35% of the total demand of the island nation's power will be secured by wind energy, making Aruba relatively the number one in the world for the use of wind energy. The commissioning of the new wind park represents another major milestone advancing Aruban government's sustainable policies and the efforts of WEB Aruba NV to further reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and to keep electricity prices stable.

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# Geert Wilders: Ukip will join our far-Right bloc in the EU



Nigel Farage

Europe's leading far-Right leader yesterday predicted Ukip will end up in an alliance for Marine Le Pen and other Eurosceptic forces in the new European parliament following this month's elections.

Geert Wilders told the Telegraph that he expects Nigel Farage to ditch a promise never to work with the French National Front after Ukip's expected successes in European elections later this month.



Geert Wilders

Mr Wilders and Miss Le Pen have joined forces to create a "European Freedom Alliance" and both are leading the opinion polls for Europe-wide elections in their respective countries, the Netherlands and France.

Mr Farage, who has not ruled out working with Mr Wilders despite the Dutch politician's controversial views on Islamic and immigrants, has stayed out of the alliance.

He refused because the National Front has "anti-Semitism and general prejudice in its DNA".

Britain's UK Independence Party (Ukip), led by Nigel Farage, is leading the polls for Britain's elections to the European Parliament.

May 22-15, voters in the EU's 28 countries will elect a new, 751-member European parliament. It is an exercise in multinational democracy which has no parallel elsewhere in the world, but its relevance is obscure even to many Europeans themselves.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# OP/ED -Microcosm to Macrocosm: Surveying Aruba's business

ORANJESTAD — In mid-April, Aruba's Chamber of Commerce (Kamer van Koophandel or KvK) conducted their Annual Business Dinner, "Transforming Our Business Climate-Taking Charge of our Future." Keynote speaker was Professor Dr. Michiel S. De Vries of the Radboud University in Nijmegen, also the University of Aruba and President of the Institute of Administrative Sciences, IASIA.

Professor de Vries conducted a survey of 220 local entrepreneurs to reach his conclusions, which were not especially optimistic. He reported that among those surveyed, 52% of their businesses have existed for less than 10 years, and only 27% of those surveyed have remained in business for over 20 years. However, individuals who attended the dinner, one of which was among those polled, would rebut his findings, and, in fact, felt they were somewhat biased. At the same time as Professor de Vries' report was being put online, THE MORNING NEWS was speaking to young local entrepreneur Kawish Misier, who had graduated last year from the University of Aruba with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, and is now pursuing his degree in Accounting. For his degree thesis, Kawish had conducted a study of Oranjestad's main street, Caya G.F. "Betico" Croes, which in its heyday as the Nassaustraat was a shopping and social Mecca through most of the 20th century.

In a sense, Misier's study of the economic microcosm of Main Street, which has its own business association, MAMBO, can be related to Professor de Vries' "more expanded" study of the overall island economy, the macrocosm of our subject. The numbers interviewed in the latter study are not that much greater, so perhaps the findings are not as far reaching as they could, or should be. A full presentation of his statistics and conclusions can be found in pdf form on the KvK website: [http://www.aruba-chamber.com/images/pdf/Annual\\_Business\\_Dinner\\_Meeting/2014/presentationacbe.pdf](http://www.aruba-chamber.com/images/pdf/Annual_Business_Dinner_Meeting/2014/presentationacbe.pdf)

Misier was doing a report for his marketing degree, so he was looking at the decline of the popularity of downtown Oranjestad from that point of view...why is it in decline and what can be done to revitalize the area and attract shoppers, specifically, tourist shoppers. Primarily, he insists the vendors unite in a branding concept, personally favoring labeling the street "Caya Grandi," and strongly marketing locally and internationally under that brand. When conducting his study, he surveyed shopkeepers and consumers, again, particularly, tourists, as this was his challenge, how to draw them to the Caya Grandi?

Where there is a similarity in thinking between the two studies, is that the government should support the successful revitalization of the main street, as the KvK survey also looks at government practices and their responsibility in stimulating the economy and encouraging a positive environment for entrepreneurs. Certainly, in the case of Oranjestad, the current administration is making major efforts and expenditures in insuring the capital is as attractive to vacationers as possible, for which they have invested tens of millions of Aruban florins. As taxpayers, all those shopkeepers can agree they are seeing their tax money at work for them-but those who do not have a business in town may not feel quite so pleased by these costly projects.

This ongoing beautification of Oranjestad also presents a distinct dilemma for the main street. Those who know it well can recognize a demarcation in the quality of presentation and goods from the western end to the eastern side. The government would hope to see the shopkeepers beautify their premises to harmonize with their surroundings, and a number have. They would also like to see more high-end designer shops occupy the properties, but several challenges are inherent in that vision. The idea



of promoting Caya Grandi with the slogan, "shop where the locals shop," would be a misnomer, as such stores will not attract Oranjestad residents, and would change the nature of the street entirely.

Another aspect of this dilemma surprised Mr. Misier; he discovered that many of the properties along the street have absentee landlords. They are international businessmen with so many properties they are not even well aware they own a property here, much less the state of their building, and pay it little attention. A large percentage of shops are simply rentals, and the struggling vendors do not have the means to upgrade the exteriors, and why should they spend their own money, unless they receive some sort of guaranteed benefit?

A major factor that cannot be ignored for the lack of business for Oranjestad is the proliferation of sleek malls in Palm Beach and Eagle Beach, which offer easy access and ample parking. Obviously, until the traffic and parking situation in town is remedied, they will continue to draw shoppers away, forcing them to establish new shopping habits, which may be hard to break. The years of inaccessibility during the renovation period have taken their toll.

Regarding the KvK report, Mr. Misier had particular criticism of the conclusion that island businesses have little enthusiasm for the Green Gateway concept, which is being strongly pursued by the government. They do not see the benefits of Aruba being a business gateway between Europe and Latin America, though when examined closely, its success could stimulate several businesses on Aruba. Kawish feels it is an initiative with great promise for service companies such as notaries, translators, accounting and marketing firms. Extending that further, the concept looks toward the establishing of business missions on Aruba, and deploying the Freezone for transfer of goods. Many European executives have indicated a preference to live with their families and operate on Aruba, where they feel safer, while taking advantage of the financial opportunities of the booming Latin American economies. So the benefits to Aruba economically could far reaching, for house and business rentals, and shopkeepers as well.

A successful local entrepreneur who was interviewed for the KvK survey had some very strong criticisms. Preferring to remain anonymous, he stated "surveys such as these create the wrong assumption that any government is remotely responsible for the economy. The disappointment therefore lies not in deVries' findings, but in KvK's interest in letting him pursue such an investigation. I was one of the people "polled" and I feel that there was indeed a pole used, not a poll. The conclusions of deVries were clearly his own and not of the people polled. You do not need a survey to tell what a government is doing for the economy, because you al-

ready know the answer. Besides being a total waste of everyone's time, it incorrectly reiterates that the solution lays within the government's behavior"

"An example would be that any issue needed to be given a number (1-10) with 5 quoted as being "neutral," they explained. On many of the questions, their reaction was neutral, and so that is how they responded. When the findings were presented, the first thing Professor de Vries told his audience was "if your kid came home with a 5 (failing grade) - you would be happy?"

"Having taken the poll in a neutral way I clearly felt betrayed, but not surprised," concluded the subject on hearing the findings during the dinner.

So what are economic pundits, entrepreneurs, vendors, taxpayers and the government expected to take away from this confusing blizzard of information with which we are bombarded? Obviously, larger and more varied cross sections of the public need to be questioned. Though Misier's study is very interesting, one should also ask not only if the potential shopper has visited the main street, but if they have not, why not? This group was not included in his study, but perhaps another should be done to decide on a effective marketing strategy for Caya Grandi.

As for the KvK study, considering there are well over ten thousand businesses registered with the KvK, one has to assume the 220 polled is a very small percentage. The neutral answer being interpreted as negative, might also be considered showing a certain bias, rather than just tossing out those figures. The main street study questioned 149 individuals, again, a very small percentage of the thousands that vacation here weekly, with a fresh turnover most every weekend, not to mention more than half a million cruise ship passengers. Misier's observations are very intuitive and encouraging, however, with 79% reporting the experience of shopping on Caya Grandi highly satisfactory, 67.8% stating they would return, and 73.8% answering they would definitely recommend it to others.

It is not a far stretch to look at the situation of Oranjestad as a thermostat for the general economy, particularly in regards to the luxury consumables market on the island, which has grown rapidly in the past few years. Again, these studies look to the government and what they "should" do to support the business environment, often distracting the entrepreneur from self-examination in why their business is not as successful as they want it to be. The oversaturation of too many markets thins the overall return for everyone, and in Aruba, it is certainly policy that "anything worth doing is worth overdoing." If we are going to talk about the government having control over the economy, perhaps the place to start would be discouraging new businesses in sectors that are already thoroughly overpopulated.





# WORLD NEWS

## Saudi avoids Guantanamo hearing over search fear

FORT MEADE (AFP) - A Guantanamo inmate from Saudi Arabia -- accused of being a former Al-Qaeda recruiter -- refused to appear at a hearing Monday to avoid undergoing a body search, his representative said.

A six-member review panel is examining whether US officials should continue to hold Muhammad Abd Al-Rahman Al-Shumrani, 39, without charge, repatriate him, or release him to a third country.

Al-Shumrani's is the sixth case being examined by the Periodic Review Board, which was created in 2011 by the administration of President Barack Obama as part of his goal to shutter the detention facility.

The board has already recommended the transfer of two Yemenis and the detention of another, but has not issued rulings in other cases.

Al-Shumrani is the second inmate at the controversial military-run jail in Cuba who has refused to participate in the hearing.

He refuses to attend appointments outside the detention block where he is held to avoid being subjected to a body search that run contrary to his "his strong cultural beliefs," his representative said.

"For this detainee, the body search as conducted, which requires the guard to touch the area near his genitals, is humiliating and degrading," his legal representative said.

"His convictions do not imply an

unwillingness to cooperate, nor do they establish or support in any way that he is a significant threat to the United States.

"Muhammad is a man who wants to start over and should be given a second chance," he said, adding that his client wished to return to his native Saudi Arabia and enroll in the country's rehabilitation program for ex-Guantanamo detainees.

According to the United States, Al-Shumrani served as a recruiter for Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Saudi Arabia before later fighting in Afghanistan against the Northern Alliance and "almost certainly" US forces.

The Saudi was described as a "problematic and unpredictable detainee" who had encouraged other prisoners not to cooperate with detention staff.

"He repeatedly has told interrogators and other detainees he would re-engage in extremism if he were released from Guantanamo," the government said.

Al-Shumrani is one of 45 Guantanamo detainees held without charge or trial who has not received approval for transfer by military authorities, deemed too dangerous for release even if there is not enough evidence for a prosecution.

Some 77 others have been classified as suitable for transfer, provided a destination can be found.

## Calls for US to act to save Nigerian schoolgirls

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2014 (AFP) - Calls mounted Monday for US action to help find and free more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped last month by Islamist militants, amid growing outrage and fears over their fate.

US officials said they worried many of the girls seized three weeks ago had now been smuggled across Nigeria's borders into other countries, which could complicate already fruitless efforts to find them.

"We cannot close our eyes to the clear evidence of barbarity unfolding before us in Nigeria," said Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar, her voice breaking as she addressed the Senate.

The outlawed militant group Boko Haram claimed responsibility earlier for the April 14 abduction of some 276 teenage girls from their boarding school in northeastern Borno state.

And the group's shadowy leader, Abubakar Shekau, threatened to sell them into slavery in a 57-minute video obtained by AFP that the State Department said appears "to be legitimate."

There has been mounting anger and frustration in Nigeria at the failure of President Goodluck Jonathan's administration to find the girls aged 16 to 18, leading to protests on the streets.

Six US senators have introduced a resolution supporting the Nigerian people and calling for the immediate release and return of the girls.

"We and our African allies should do everything to help the Nigerian government rescue innocent girls and return them to their families," Senator Dick Durbin, one of the resolution's sponsors, said in a tweet.

He called the Boko Haram kidnapping "an affront to the civilized world."

Fifty-three of the girls managed to escape from the militants but 223 were still being held, Nigerian state police said Friday.

## Kerry to miss Benghazi hearing despite subpoena

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Secretary of State John Kerry will be a no-show to a Congress hearing set for May 21 about the deadly assault on a US mission in Libya as he will be abroad, a spokeswoman said Monday.

State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf also urged Republican lawmakers not "to play politics with Benghazi" as House Speaker John Boehner appointed the head of a new special committee to investigate the 2012 attacks.

President Barack Obama's foes in Congress have long accused the White House of misleading the public about what happened in Benghazi, eastern Libya, and in the aftermath of the assault that killed ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

But the criticism snowballed last week when a conservative group published a White House email which critics said administration officials had withheld from congressional investigators.

Raising the stakes, the chief government watchdog in Congress slapped Kerry with a subpoena compelling him to testify on Benghazi on May 21.

Kerry "does still plan to be in Mexico on the 21st," Harf told reporters, on "critical



Beverly Hills (AFP) - Photo shows Jay Leno speaks at a gathering of Women's Rights and LGBT groups protesting yesterday across from the Beverly Hills Hotel, owned by the Sultan of Brunei, demanding he rescind a Taliban-like Brunei penal code which included the stoning to death of gay men and lesbians and the public flogging of women who have abortions, in Beverly Hills, California. The southeast Asian nation of Brunei, a would-be member of the Obama administrations Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement, is under fire from Hollywood and human rights activists for adopting a brutal penal code based on Sharia law with punishments including flogging, dismemberment and death by stoning for crimes such as adultery and sodomy.



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## WORLD NEWS

## HRW denounces 'pattern of serious abuses' in Venezuela

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Venezuela's security forces have engaged in a "pattern of serious abuses" against anti-government protesters, including the use of torture, with the apparent aim of punishing political dissent, Human Rights Watch said yesterday.

In a damning report, the rights group said members of the Venezuelan attorney general's office and the judiciary in many cases "knew of, participated in, or otherwise tolerated abuses against protesters and detainees, including serious violations of their due process rights."

Venezuela has been convulsed by sometimes violent protests against the leftist government of President Maduro that have left 41 people dead since mid February, almost all of them civilians.

Jose Miguel Vivanco, HRW's Americas director, said the pattern of abuse has created "one of the most serious crises in Venezuela in years."

An investigation conducted by HRW in Venezuela in March found what it said was "strong evidence" of rights abuses in 45 cases involving 150 civilians in Caracas and three states.

"What we found during our in-country investigation and subsequent research is a pattern of serious abuse," it said. In at least 10 cases, the abuses clearly constituted torture.

"In most of the cases we documented, security forces employed unlawful force, including shooting and severely beating unarmed individuals," it said. "Nearly all of the victims were also arrested and, while in detention, subjected to physical and psychological abuse."

HRW said "security forces allowed armed pro-government gangs to assault unarmed civilians, and in some cases openly collaborated with them in the attacks."

The report noted that some protesters have used violence, throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails, and that security forces also have suffered deaths and injuries in connection with the protests.

But it said in the cases it had documented the evidence indicated that the victims of security force abuses were unarmed and nonviolent, and some of the worst abuses were committed against people who were not even participating in protests, or were already in detention.

"The nature and timing of many of these abuses -- as well as the frequent use of political epithets by the perpetrators -- suggest that their aim was not to enforce the law or disperse protests, but rather to punish people for their political views or perceived views," the report said.

In many instances, security forces appeared to be targeting individuals taking pictures or videotaping confrontations with protests, about half of whom were journalists, HRW said.

## IRA murder victim's son 'disappointed' at Adams release

BELFAST (AFP) - The son of a mother-of-ten murdered by the IRA voiced disappointment Monday after Irish republican leader Gerry Adams was released without charge following four days of questioning over the notorious paramilitary killing.

Michael McConville, whose newly-widowed mother Jean was abducted and murdered in 1972, said Sinn Fein president Adams had warned him of a "backlash" if he ever gave the names of those he witnessed taking her.

Adams, a key figure in the Northern Irish peace process and an elected lawmaker in the Republic of Ireland, was released Sunday and was due back out on the campaign trail Monday for the European Parliament elections later this month.

"We were disappointed. We thought the length of time the police had him in custody, we thought we were going to get Gerry Adams brought to court," McConville told BBC radio.

McConville and several of his siblings watched as their mother was dragged screaming from their Belfast home after the IRA wrongly accused her of being an informer. Her remains were found buried on a beach in 2003. She had been shot in the head.

McConville says he fears being shot himself were he ever to disclose the abductors' identities.

Between 2004 and 2006, Adams brokered meetings between McConville and members of the now-defunct Irish Republican Army, of which Sinn Fein is the political wing.

McConville was seeking to know if the IRA would apologise if a police ombudsman report concluded there was no evidence his mother was an informer -- which it eventually did.

When the IRA figures said they would not, McConville said he would release the names of those involved.



## Russia warns of humanitarian disaster in the Ukraine's 'encircled' cities



MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia yesterday warned that towns in eastern Ukraine encircled by Ukrainian troops were facing a humanitarian disaster due to shortages of medicines and food.

"A humanitarian disaster is brewing in the encircled towns -- there is already a lack of medicines and there are starting to be disruptions of food supplies," the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement.

Kiev last week launched an anti-terrorist operation in the Ukraine's Russian-speaking east after pro-Russian rebels took over government offices and police stations.

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# HEALTH & LIVING

## Human Sex Pheromones? We've Got a Nose for Gender

The human nose is full of surprises. Not only can we detect a trillion odors, it appears that scents influence our behavior. According to a new study, humans produce chemical cues that communicate our gender to the opposite sex, and just a whiff of these compounds influences our perception of someone as masculine or feminine.

"Our findings argue for the existence of human sex pheromones," Wen Zhou of the Chinese Academy of Sciences says in a press release. "They show that the nose can sniff out gender from body secretions even when we don't think we smell anything on the conscious level."

Specifically, what we're smelling are active steroids: androstadienone in males and estratetraenol in females. Androstadienone, which is found in semen and armpits, have been showed to improve women's moods, but not men's. Estratetraenol, first identified in female urine, has similar effects on males.

To figure out if those chemicals are acting as sexual cues, Zhou and her colleagues asked males and females to watch "point-light walkers" (PLWs, pictured) move in place on a screen. These consist of 15 dots representing the 12 major joints in the human body, plus the pelvis, thorax, and head. You can see examples of the PLWs in

this video. Each participant watched seven digitally morphed gaits, one at a time and in random order. They had to judge whether the walker was a male or female.

Additionally, they completed that task while being exposed to androstadienone, estratetraenol, and a control solution -- all of which smelled like cloves -- each on a separate day.

The results revealed that smelling androstadienone biased heterosexual females (but not males) toward perceiving walkers as more masculine. However, smelling estratetraenol biased heterosexual males (but not females) toward perceiving walkers as more feminine. Homosexual males responded to the scents more like heterosexual females did, and bisexual or homosexual female responses fell somewhere in between those of heterosexual males and females.

The walk in the middle is gauged as gender-neutral. But androstadienone conveys masculinity to straight women and gay men, while estratetraenol conveys femininity to straight men. "When the visual gender cues were extremely ambiguous, smelling androstadienone versus estratetraenol produced about an eight percent change in gender perception," Zhou explains. The work was published in *Current Biology* this week.

## Can Cutting Carbs After Lunch Help You Lose Weight?



In his latest book, *Skinny Meals*, author and *The Biggest Loser* trainer Bob Harper offers a collection of 100 recipes under 350 calories supposedly designed to jumpstart your weight loss. The trick: No carbs after lunch.

The idea of restricting carbs after a certain time of day to slim down is not a new concept.

Some science supports the idea of eating earlier in the day or cutting carbs to drop a size (or a few). And considering the kind of carbs we tend to eat at night—let's face it, most of us aren't munching on broccoli florets in front of the TV—choosing to reduce or restrict carbs makes you more mindful of evening side dishes and desserts that could sabotage your weight-loss goals.

However, many experts say it's not when you eat but how much you eat later in the day that matters. Totally contradicting Harper's advice, a 2011 study found that men who ate most of their carbs at dinner lost more weight than those who didn't.

What it all may come down to is the way you metabolize glucose says Mary Hartley, a registered dietician. "When people are insulin resistant (pre-diabetic), their blood sugar starts climbing in the morning when they first eat and stays high for the rest of the day. That can cause hunger and fat storage."

## US patient with MERS is improving: health officials



The patient, a male healthcare worker who came down with the illness while working in Saudi Arabia, is still hospitalized and in isolation but is improving, officials told reporters.

"We expect him to be going home soon," said Alan Kumar, chief medical information Officer at Community Hospital in Munster, Indiana.

MERS, short for Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus, is a concern to authorities because even though it is harder to transmit than the flu, it is often deadly.

It first emerged in Saudi Arabia in 2012, and has since infected hundreds of people in 12 countries.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Roger Waters to Rolling Stones: cancel Israel show



Pink Floyd's frontman, drummer Nick Mason publish column calling the UK band to join worldwide boycott

Pink Floyd's frontman Roger Waters and drummer Nick Mason called on The Rolling Stones to cancel the band's upcoming concert in Israel.

The legendary British rock band will perform at Tel Aviv's Park Hayarkon on June 4 as part of the "14 on Fire" world tour.

In a column co-written by Waters and Mason, and published earlier this week on Salon.com, the two musicians compared playing in modern day Israel to playing in South Africa at the height of apartheid.

"The BDS movement is modeled on the successful nonviolent movements that helped end Jim Crow in the American South and apartheid in South Africa," they wrote. "BDS offers us all a way to nonviolently pressure the Israeli government to fully realize that its injustices against the Palestinian people are legally and morally

## 'Spider-Man 2' leaps to box office top

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" sprang to the top of the North American box office on its debut weekend in theaters, industry figures showed Monday.

The sequel featuring Andrew Garfield in the famous red and blue tights earned \$91.6 million, outperforming the original which took \$62 million on its 2012 opening weekend and went on to gross \$262 million.

Falling to number two, romantic comedy "The Other Woman" starring Cameron Diaz earned \$14.4 million in its second week in theaters, according to box office trackers Exhibitor Relations.

"Heaven Is For Real," starring Greg Kinnear as the father of a four-year-old boy who wakes up from emergency surgery with a story about going to heaven and back, held on to third place with \$8.6 million in receipts.

"Captain America: The Winter Soldier," based on the iconic Marvel superhero and starring Chris Evans, dropped to fourth from last week's second place finish. It pulled in \$7.8 million.

Animated flick "Rio 2" about a family of blue Macaw parrots with voices by Jesse Eisenberg

and Anne Hathaway slipped a notch to fifth with a gross of \$7.7 million.

Just behind it in sixth, grossing a whisker under \$3.7 million in its second week, was "Brick Mansions," a futuristic crime drama starring the late actor Paul Walker, who was killed in a high speed crash last November.

"Divergent," based on the popular young adult novel of the same name, took in \$2.2 million, enough to lift into seventh place from ninth last week. Over seven weeks, it has grossed \$142.7 million.

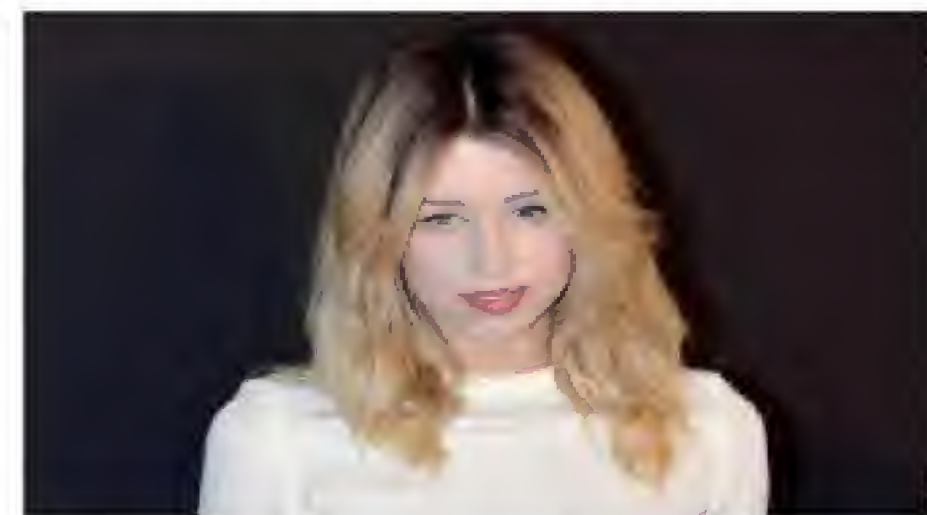
Eighth place went to "The Quiet Ones," the British horror film starring Jared Harris -- son of late acting legend Richard Harris -- which earned \$2.0 million.

"The Grand Budapest Hotel," US director Wes Anderson's latest with an all-star cast including Ralph Fiennes, Bill Murray, Tilda Swinton, Jeff Goldblum and Harvey Keitel, came in ninth with \$1.78 million.

Rounding out the top 10 was "God's Not Dead," in which a student tries to prove God's existence. It earned \$1.77 million in its seventh week on release in North America.



## Report: Peaches Geldof 'died of heroin overdose'



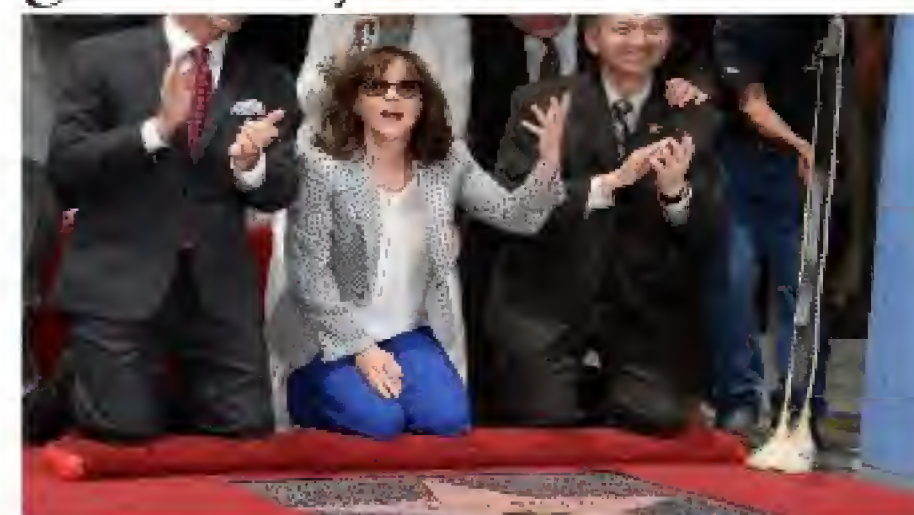
Live Aid founder Bob Geldof's daughter Peaches died of a heroin overdose, the same cause of death as her mother Paul Yates in 2000, Britain's Times newspaper reported on Thursday.

The model died suddenly on April 7, aged 25, but the autopsy proved inconclusive.

However, Detective Chief Inspector Paul Fotheringham is due to tell a hearing in Gravesend, Kent, later Thursday that toxicology tests showed she had died of a heroin overdose, the paper reported.

Peaches, who wrote for British magazines and newspapers and presented celebrity-driven television shows, was found dead at her countryside home where she was looking after 11-month-old son Phaedra. Police searched the property for drug paraphernalia, but found none.

## Oscar-winner Sally Field gets Hollywood star



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Oscar-winning US actress Sally Field finally got a star on Hollywood's storied Walk of Fame on Monday, more than three decades after she earned her first Academy Award.

The 67-year-old joked about her roller-coaster career spanning five decades, including her Oscar-winning performances in 1979's "Norma Rae" and 1984's "Places in the Heart."

"I've ridden the highs, and tried to learn from the lows," she said on Hollywood Boulevard, where her star is the 2,524th on the famous stretch of sidewalk perused by millions of tourists ever year, at the heart of Tinseltown.

## Sweet Pepper's Karaoke singer of the Week



Ms. Julisza, Ms. Carolyne and Ms. Maryleen are pharmacy assistants at the Santa Anna Pharmacy. Together with their colleague they visited the Sweet Pepper restaurant for some relaxing moment and while there, they decided to participate in the weekly Karaoke contest.





# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## "Green" Jet Fuel From Sunlight Developed



A consortium of research institutions and corporations have announced a solution to one of the major obstacles to a sustainable world, carbon neutral fuel for airplanes. Also fire twirling.

While political obstacles may intervene, we now have the technology to provide electricity for virtually the whole world from non-polluting sources. With the rise of electric vehicles this can be transferred to land transport as well. However, air travel was always going to be a much tougher nut to crack. With air transport the fastest growing contributor to climate change this is a large and rising issue.

Suggested solutions include used cooking oil and mustard seeds but according to Dr Andreas Sizmann of Bauhaus Luftfahrt, "Increasing environmental and supply security issues are leading the aviation sector to seek alternative fuels which can be used interchangeably with today's jet fuel, so-called drop-in solutions."

Jet fuel is made from a mixture of hydrocarbons to provide a low freezing point, anti-static and a flash point that makes it safe for transportation. However, the base is kerosene (paraffin), as used for gas camping fires and in lamps where electricity is not available. For all uses kerosene is currently produced from petroleum and predominantly made up of alkanes and naphthenes.

In a quest for a travel industry that doesn't destroy the places people are trying to get to the European Union funded SOLAR-JET, bringing together five institutions in a quest to make kerosene from carbon dioxide, water and sunlight. While these substances contain all the elements required, conversion is a two-step process.

The SOLAR-JET team first converted the CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O to a hydrogen/carbon monoxide mixture (syngas) using concentrated sunlight and metal-oxide catalysts. A technique for converting syngas to kerosene, the Fischer-Tropsch process is already in widespread use.

"The solar reactor technology features enhanced radiative heat transfer and fast reaction kinetics, which are crucial for maximizing the solar-to-fuel energy conversion efficiency" says Professor Aldo Steinfeld of ETH Zurich.

The project is still at the proof-of-concept stage, and the price of fuel produced in this way is not yet clear.

Even for air travel, a sustainable fuel will not solve all the problems. Vapor trails and ozone emissions contribute almost as much to global warming as the fuel burned. Nevertheless with alternative choices for sustainable air travel in their infancy and still subject to question, the SOLAR-JET announcement could be a gamechanger if it can be done at a realistic price.

## A Year After Selling For \$1.1 Bn, Tumblr Struggling To Build A Business

Ads have been rolling in Tumblr for 10 months now, since Yahoo acquired David Karp's social blogging platform in May 2013. But Yahoo has not once reported any significant revenue attributed to the \$1.1 billion deal.

Today, we got a partial answer to that mystery. Tumblr doesn't have the identity information that advertisers say they need to be on the site

That's worrying because at the time the deal was done, Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer said ads would be driven into Tumblr's dashboard feeds by the Yahoo advertising marketplace. Ads started appearing in June 2013. Mayer again touted the availability of Yahoo's media brands within Yahoo Advertising in January 2014.

The company has not once touted revenue from Tumblr. Mayer has, to her credit, repeatedly said that investors need to be patient as her acquisitions improve their products and grow their audiences before they start showing revenue. But still, Tumblr has 48 million unique visitors per month. Why can't it describe the money it's generating from them?

## FRED WILSON: Apple Is Horrible At Cloud Stuff, And It Will Undo The Company

NEW YORK -- In 2020, Union Square Ventures' Fred Wilson thinks the top three tech companies in terms of market cap will be Google, Facebook, and some other company we haven't yet heard of.

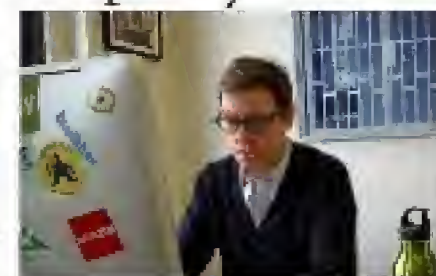
"Apple is too rooted to hardware and I think hardware is increasingly becoming a commodity. Their stuff in the cloud is largely not good. I don't think they think about data and the cloud in the way you need to

think about things."

He said he thinks Twitter

could be one of the top four, five, six or seven companies, but not number one or two.

Wilson has long been critical of Apple. Last year he said Apple was "clueless" for selling the iPhone 5C at a high price.



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# ECONOMY

## European stocks mixed on fears over Ukraine and China

PARIS (AFP) - Europe's main stock markets ended mixed yesterday, with worries about the possible economic impact of the escalating crisis in Ukraine and a slowdown in Chinese manufacturing dampening sentiment.

The DAX 30 in Frankfurt shedded 0.28 percent to close at 9,529.50 points, while in Paris, the CAC 40 added 0.10 percent to 4,462.69 points. The London market was closed for a holiday. Madrid edged out a gain of 0.02 percent while Milan fell 0.65 percent.

The CAC 40 and DAX 30 spent much of the day down more than one percent, as clashes in Ukraine intensified.

At Barclays Bourse brokerage in Par-

is, portfolio manager Renaud Murail commented that "it was surprising the markets held up as they did at the opening, given that the situation in Ukraine worsened at the weekend and does not seem to be under control".

Weak manufacturing output data for China also undermined sentiment, traders said.

China's manufacturing sector contracted for a fourth consecutive month in April, HSBC said Monday, the latest sign that the world's second-largest economy is slowing.

The British banking giant's purchasing managers index (PMI) came in at 48.1 for last month, a tad up from 48.0 in March but weaker than the 48.3 reported in its preliminary report on April

23.

A figure below 50 indicates contraction while anything above points to growth.

Both Paris and Frankfurt picked up however after a survey of the US services sector rose in April and came in higher than analysts had expected.

The ISM non-manufacturing index rose by 2.1 points over the month to 55.2 points in April, above the 50 point line which indicates expansion and higher than the 54 points expected by analysts.

Shares in Credit Suisse tumbled 2.32 percent to 27.40 francs yesterday after US Attorney General Eric Holder warned that no financial institution should consider itself "above the law" amid investigations into alleged tax evasion and money laundering by European banks.

## Guerrilla warfare to golf: Vietnam army's evolves



AFP photo taken on April 28, 2014 shows a street vendor walking past a Viettel store in downtown Hanoi. From ragtag volunteers with home-made shotguns to stealth frigates, telecoms conglomerates and golf courses -- the Vietnam People's Army has transformed since its victory over the French six decades ago. Vietnam is now one of the top spenders on defence in Southeast Asia as it seeks to safeguard territorial claims in the contested South China Sea. In acquiring hardware -- mainly from Russia -- and forging strategic partnerships with countries from Germany to South Korea, Vietnam's army is becoming "more professional, more efficient, more effective. The army owns hotels, golf courses, television stations, newspapers and even one of the country's largest telecoms companies, Viettel, which has expanded overseas in countries from neighbouring Cambodia to Haiti.

## Eurozone hails Portugal exit from debt rescue

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The head of the eurozone finance ministers group congratulated Portugal yesterday on its exit from a massive debt-rescue but said it must hold to promised reforms to realise its potential.

"I would like to congratulate Portugal," Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem said. "They have done a lot of hard work ... and are now coming out strongly."

"There is still lot of work to be done but if they (stick with reforms), then they have great potential," he added.

Portugal announced on Sunday it was going for a clean exit from its EU-IMF bailout, following in the footsteps of Ireland by foregoing a credit line as it prepares a full return to the financial markets.

## US services sector growth hits 7-month high

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The massive US services sector picked up pace for the second month in a row in April, data showed yesterday in another sign of the economy's post-winter rebound.

The Institute for Supply Management said its purchasing managers index (PMI) rose to 55.2 in April from 53.1 in March.

It was the highest reading since last July and came in better than the 54.0 figure expected by analysts.

A number above 50 indicates expansion in the sector, which accounts for the bulk of US economic activity.

Business activity and new orders accelerated, while employment slowed.

Fourteen of the 18 industries surveyed reported growth in April, while four reported contraction.

On Friday, the ISM manufacturing sector PMI rose for the 11th straight month in April, to a better-than-expected 54.9, with growth picking up steam for the third month in a row.

Recent monthly data has indicated the US economy has rebounded from a first-quarter stall blamed in part on unusually severe winter weather.

### Monday's Crossword Answer

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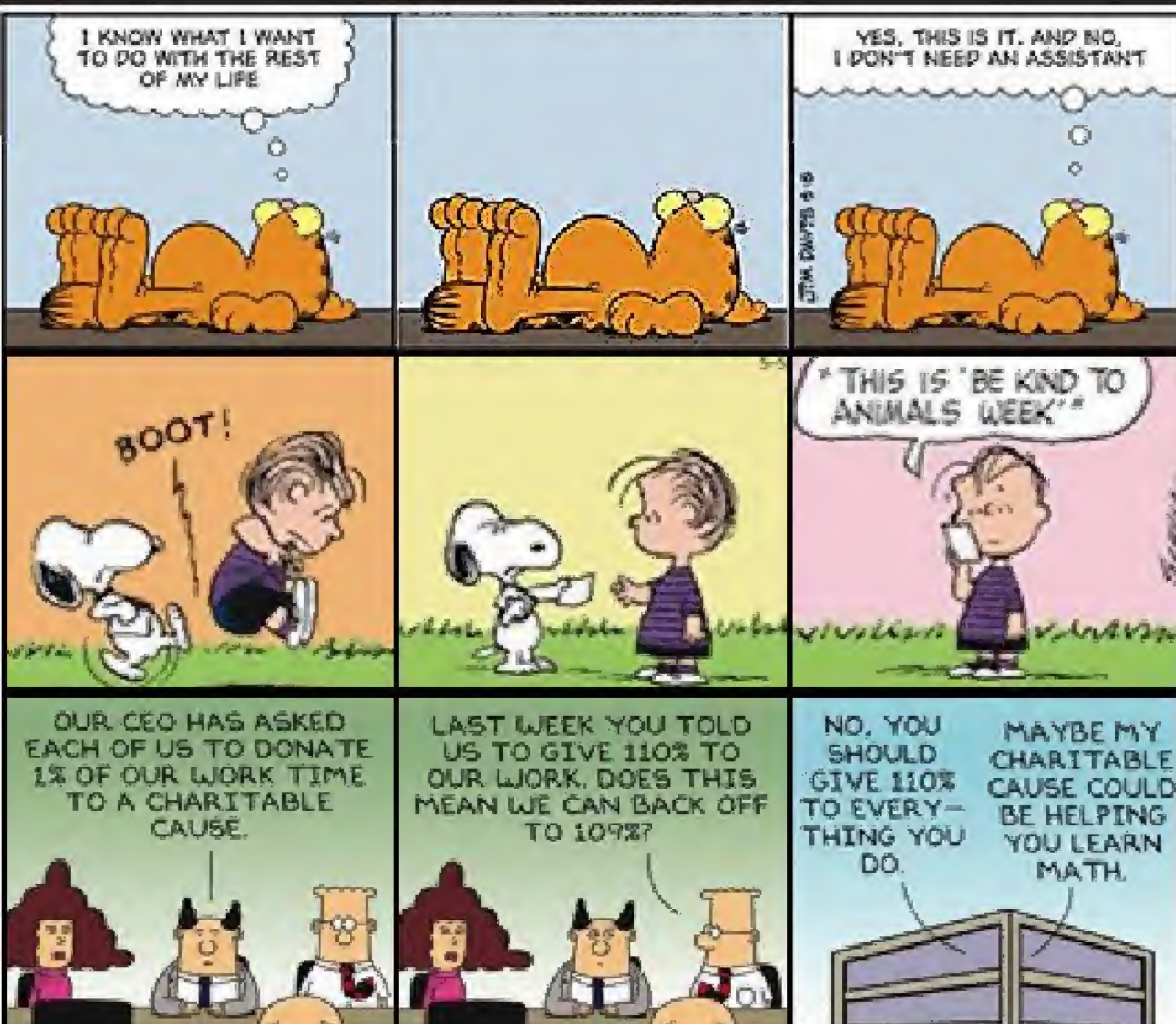
BARCELONA -- Yesterday Japanese automaker Nissan presented the new model e-NV200 at the Zona Franca in Barcelona, Spain, which will become Nissan's second all-electric vehicle (EV) and will be produced exclusively at the Barcelona plant. (AFP PHOTO)



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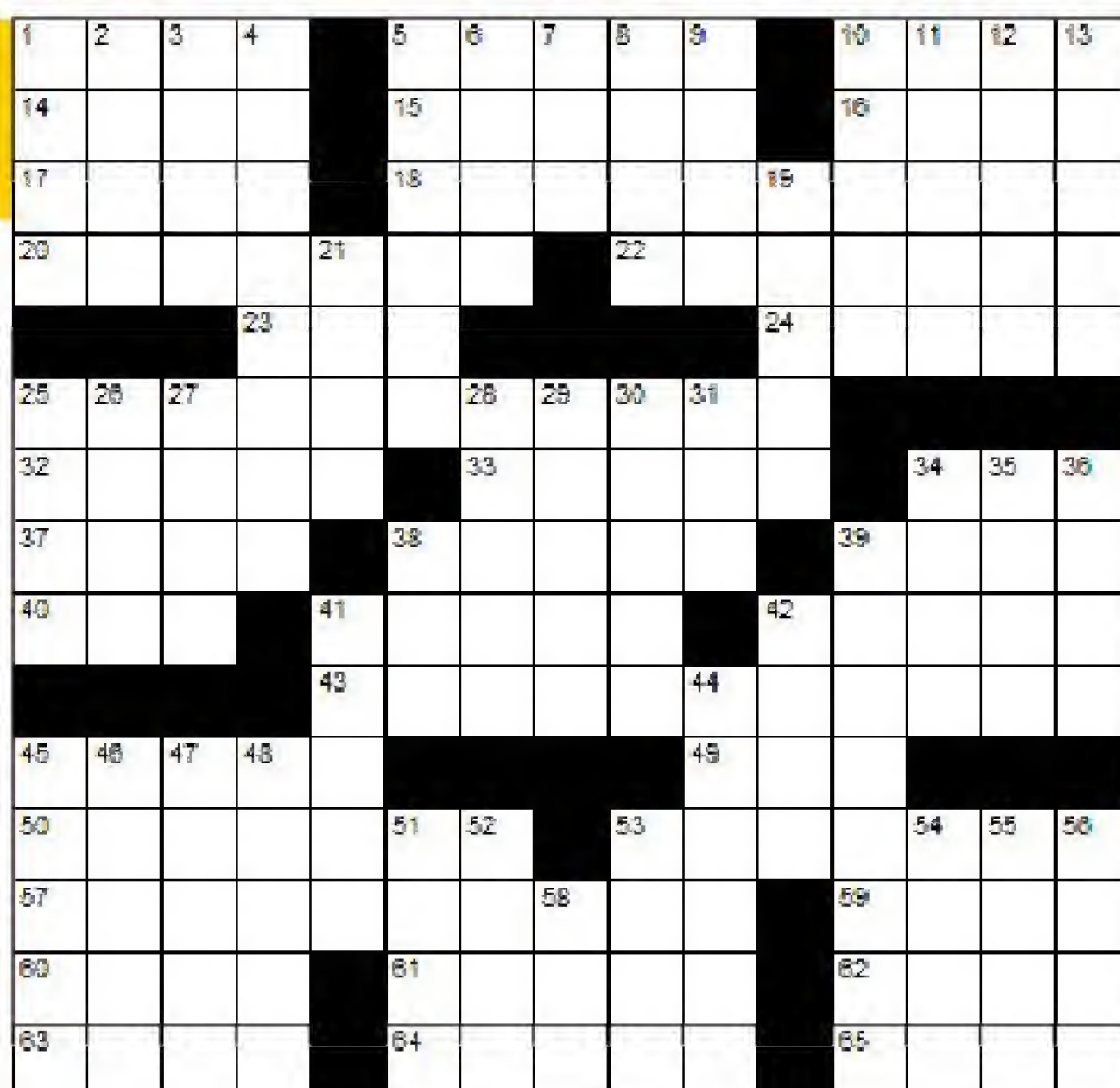
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## CROSS WORDS

### ACROSS

01. Tuft  
05. Comment to the audience  
10. Arm or leg  
14. Against  
15. Prison-related  
16. Dogfish  
17. Stigma  
18. A non-sailor  
20. Sunshade  
22. Amaze  
23. French for "Name"  
24. Amount of hair  
25. Preventative  
32. Hearing-related  
33. Pry  
34. Estimated time of arrival  
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38. Circumscribe  
39. At the peak of  
40. American Sign Language



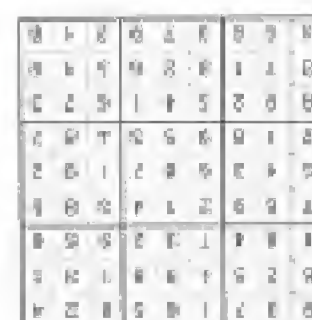
### DOWN

41. Brownish gray  
42. Habituate  
43. Indecencies  
45. Group of 8  
49. Gorilla  
50. Make "not smooth"  
53. Fashionable  
57. Shorten  
59. Killer whale  
60. Tall woody plant  
61. Go in  
62. Resound  
63. Where the sun rises  
64. Leaky  
65. Feudal worker
1. Stinging insect  
2. Ancient Peruvian  
3. Sun  
4. Predator fishes  
5. Assuredness  
6. Secure against leakage  
7. Hotel  
8. Early 20th-century art movement  
9. L L L L  
10. Work hard  
11. Suffuse  
12. Compartments  
13. Poets
19. Express audibly  
21. Dirt  
25. Dad  
26. Regrets  
27. By mouth  
28. Site of the Trojan War  
29. Pace  
30. Overgrown with ivy  
31. Animal doctor  
34. Decorative case  
35. Ripped  
36. Mimics  
38. Flee
39. Gazelle  
41. Church offering  
42. Catch a glimpse of  
44. Diner  
45. Give a speech  
46. Deadly snake  
47. Hoses  
48. Everglades bird  
51. Nights before  
52. 1 less than 10  
53. Stair  
54. Angers  
55. Glance over  
56. Fit  
58. Dined

## Sudoku



### SOLUTION



Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.



# ARUBA'S BEST OF THE BEST

## 5 BURGERS ARUBA; Now your best breakfast barggain!

Palm Beach --A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2 eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their

fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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# SPORTS

## Auto Racing: IndyCar looks to add New Orleans race



NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - IndyCar officials said Monday they are looking to stage a race in New Orleans with team owner Michael Andretti's sports marketing group overseeing the event.

Louisiana state lawmakers were considering a bill that would devote \$4.5 million to renovations at three-year-old NOLA Motorsports Park in suburban Avondale to create the IndyCar Grand Prix of Louisiana.

"We're delighted by this broad show of support and encouraged by the prospect of a race in New Orleans," said Mark Miles, chief executive of IndyCar's parent group.

"With these improvements we're confident that NOLA can meet our standards for safety, fan experience and quality of racing."

The series has 18 events this season, but only by staging two races in one weekend at Detroit, Houston and Toronto street layouts and a new road-course race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway this Saturday in addition to the namesake Indianapolis 500 oval classic on May 25.

## No World Cup dream till after group phase: Prandelli



MILAN (AFP) - Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said he does not expect his players to harbour big World Cup dreams until they make it out of a "particularly tough" group phase in Brazil.

Prandelli, speaking to RAI Sport, steered Italy through a largely successful qualifying campaign to claim their World Cup ticket with two games to spare.

Italy will open their campaign against England in Manaus before hosting Costa Rica in Recife and then hosting Uruguay in Natal.

The Azzurri handler indicated that it will only be time to start dreaming of any kind of success if Italy progress from Group D and into the second round.

"We know we're in a particularly tough group, our first objective is to qualify from it and then we'll see," said Prandelli.

"Only once we have qualified from our group can we start to harbour any real ambition."

Prandelli said he had already decided on most of the 23 players he would take to Brazil, and added the squad "will be composed of three goalkeepers, seven defenders, eight midfielders and five strikers."

"In my head, I already have 18 or 19 players for sure. The others will be evaluated during our preparation phase."

Italy, who won the last of their four World Cup titles in 2006 but crashed out at the first round in 2010, are set to spend several days at their Coverciano training camp near Florence in a fortnight.

Last month Prandelli said he would not be taking veterans Francesco Totti or Luca Toni to Brazil and indicated he would not be swayed.

"We started a programme in recent years based on developing youth and we want to push that forward," added Prandelli.

Meanwhile, Fiorentina striker Giuseppe Rossi -- who only returned from a four-month injury lay-off on Saturday when he made a 20-minute substitute's appearance in the 3-1 Cup final defeat to Napoli -- would have to prove he is fully fit.

"After four months on the sidelines, we have to see if he has totally recovered," said Prandelli.

"Despite all the love I have for him as a player, we're going to the World Cup and I have a responsibility to everybody."

"We have to have guarantees on various points."

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## SPORTS

# Football: Palace fightback shreds Liverpool's title bid



LONDON (AFP) - Liverpool's Premier League title bid was left in ruins after Crystal Palace mounted a sensational comeback from 3-0 down to draw 3-3 at Selhurst Park on Monday.

Liverpool were on course to move three points clear of Manchester City at the top of the table after quick-fire goals from Daniel Sturridge and Luis Suarez early in the second half stretched a lead procured by Joe Allen's 18th-minute header.

However, Damien Delaney pulled a goal back for Palace in the 79th minute before substitute Dwight Gayle scored twice in seven minutes to rip the heart out of Liverpool's title challenge.

It was a comeback reminiscent of Liverpool's famous fightback against AC Milan in the 2005 Champions League final in Istanbul, and left Suarez -- as well as several visiting fans -- in tears at the final whistle.

Liverpool lead the league again, by a point, but City now effectively need only four points from their last two games to claim the title.

They host Aston Villa on Wednesday before welcoming West Ham United to the Etihad Stadium on the final day and with a nine-goal goal difference advantage over Liverpool, the title is theirs to lose.

Philippe Coutinho dropped out of the Liverpool starting XI due to a knock, but the visitors were boosted by the return of Sturridge, making his first start since April 13 after a hamstring injury, and they began brightly.

Yannick Bolasie was fortunate not to concede a penalty after sliding in on Glen Johnson and after Julian Speroni had blocked from Suarez in the immediate aftermath, Mamadou Sakho headed wide from Steven Gerrard's subsequent corner.

Johnson squandered an opportunity to put Liverpool ahead when he ghosted onto a floated pass from Allen and headed over, but after Sturridge had seen a shot deflected wide, the visitors went ahead.

Palace had not conceded a goal from a set-piece this season prior to the game, but that record was ended in the 18th minute when Allen got away from Wales team-mate Joe Ledley to head in from another Gerrard corner.

Suarez almost extended Liverpool's lead with a free-kick that flashed wide, but Palace began to threaten, with visiting goalkeeper Simon Mignolet forced to save long-range efforts from Pucheon and Mile Jedinak.

After Sturridge had seen a curling effort clawed onto the post by Speroni, with Suarez blazing the rebound wide, the England striker doubled his side's lead in the 53rd minute with a low deflected shot.

Within the blink of an eye it was 3-0, as newly elected Football Writers' Association Player of the Year Suarez exchanged passes with Raheem Sterling before unerringly slotting the ball between Speroni's legs.

It was his 31st goal of the campaign, equaling the record tally for a 38-game Premier League season jointly held by Alan Shearer and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Sturridge and Suarez both shot over, while Speroni had to punch a fierce drive by Johnson over the bar, but Palace's extraordinary late salvo left Liverpool reeling.

Delaney made the rallying cry with a deflected shot from the edge of the box, before Bolasie powered down the left and teed up Gayle to make it 3-2 two minutes later.

With Liverpool on the ropes and Selhurst Park shaking, Gayle poked home an equaliser in the 88th minute to leave Brendan Rodgers's men on their knees and the title

## Snooker: Selby beats O'Sullivan to win World Championship

SHEFFIELD (AFP) - Mark Selby beat two-time defending champion Ronnie O'Sullivan 18-14 in the World Championship final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre on Monday.

Victory in the all-English clash saw Selby, who was 10-5 down, win his first world title after losing in the 2007 final.

Defeat was the first time O'Sullivan, a five-time world champion in all, had been defeated in snooker's showpiece match.



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## Football: Leading Serie A scorers

MILAN (AFP) - A scorers after Monday's matches:

- 21: Immobile (Torino)
- 19: Tevez (Juventus), Toni (Verona)
- 17: Higuain (Napoli)
- 15: Llorente (Juventus), Palacio (Inter Milan), Paulinho (Livorno)
- 14: Balotelli (AC Milan), Gilardino (Genoa), Rossi (Fiorentina)
- 13: Berardi (Sassuolo), Callejon (Napoli), Cerci (Torino), Destro (AS Roma), Paloschi (Chievo)
- 12: Candreva (Lazio), Cassano (Parma), Denis (Atalanta), Di Natale (Udinese)
- 11: Vidal (Juventus)
- 10: Eder (Sampdoria)

## Trade up or down? Lions keeping all options open on NFL draft week

The Lions have the 10th pick in Thursday's first round, and are open to trading up to land one of the draft's elite players - Sammy Watkins and Khalil Mack are the most realistic possibilities - or back to accumulate more picks. 'We always explore moving both ways and try to find the best value that way, whether it's going up or going back,' Mayhew said. 'We're open to staying at 10, we're open to moving up or open to moving back right now. So we evaluate all those opportunities.'

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## SPORTS

# Boxing: Add Ali to those who wants Mayweather-Pacquiao

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Boxing legend Muhammad Ali is happy that Floyd Mayweather remains unbeaten, but the sporting icon wants to see him face Filipino superstar Manny Pacquiao.

The former world heavyweight champion posted a message on Twitter hailing Mayweather's majority-decision triumph Saturday over Argentina's Marcos Maidana but slipped in a jab of his own about Mayweather having yet to face Pacquiao.

"Congratulations FloydMayweather. Maybe

after you rest up we can see you rumble with MannyPacquiao!" Ali tweeted.

Mayweather, 37, and Pacquiao, 35, talked about a showdown years ago as fans pushed for the superstars to meet in the ring.

Since then, Mayweather (46-0 with 26 knockouts) has said he will never work with Pacquiao's long-time promoter, Bob Arum, and Pacquiao (56-5 with two drawn and 38 knockouts) is reportedly in talks for a new deal with Arum that would likely take him to the end of his career.

## Van Nistelrooy 'surprised' at Netherlands offer



NETHERLANDS - The striker admits the chance to work with the national side came completely out of the blue but says he can't wait to get started.

Ruud van Nistelrooy has revealed his surprise at Guus Hiddink's offer to become assistant coach with the Netherlands after the World Cup.

With current boss Louis van Gaal set to step down after the tournament in Brazil later this year, Hiddink is due to take over for his second spell in charge of the national team for their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign.

And Hiddink, who has spent time in charge of Real Madrid and Chelsea, as well as Russia, Australia and South Korea, asked Van Nistelrooy to join him as assistant.

The former striker, who scored 35 goals in 70 appearances for his country, admits the offer came as a shock.

"It was a surprise call from Hiddink," he told Uefa.com. "I wasn't really expecting anything like that, but when a job like that comes by, it's an honour."

"Working with Hiddink, with his experience, for me, starting out as a coach, it's fantastic."

"Spending two years with him, with the Dutch national team, trying to help players improve - it can't get any better."

Van Nistelrooy then added the contribution he hopes to make to the national setup and highlighted areas he feels he can be of help.

"I'll be an assistant coach, so I'll be helping everyone, together with Danny Blind (assistant coach)," he added.

"I can use my experiences - how to deal with pressure, how I prepared, how I did things, situations that occurred - but that's general things that I can share with any player."

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